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AP--SCHWEID FROM MOSCOW

LEAD: VANCE BEGAN SECOND DAY OF TALKS INTENDING TO PRESS
FOR EXPLANATION OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH AMERICAN MEDIA.
U.S. OFFICIALS SAID SUPPRESSION OF WIRE PHOTOS AND CBS FILM
OF MCCLELLAN PROTEST APPEARED TO VIOLATE SOVIET PROMISE
IN HELSINKI TO SUPPORT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.

MAJOR POINTS:
--VANCE ALSO PLANNED TAKE UP PLIGHT OF MCCLELLAN. SHE
RELEASED AFTER THREE HOURS BUT POLICE GUARDING HER APARTMENT.

--THOUGH VANCE PREPARED GIVE PROMINENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS
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ISSUE, HODDING CARTER SAID IT WOULD NOT IMPINGE ON SALT
NEGOTIATION. "THE TWO ARE SEPARATE", CARTER SAID.

--BREZHNEV STAYED AWAY AGAIN FRIDAY BUT VANCE EXPECTED MEET
WITH HIM BEFORE TALKS END SATURDAY.

--FOR SECOND DAY, TALKS CONCENTRATED ON RESOLVING DIF-
FERENCES IN SALT. "WE HAVE NOT MOVED OFF THAT", CARTER

TOLD REPORTERS. BUT HE SAID HUMAN RIGHTS AS A SUBJECT IS ON AGENDA, PLUS MIDDLE EAST AND SOVIET ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. "SECRETARY INTENDS TO RAISE MCCLELLAN MATTER AND PHOTO AND FILM CUTOFFS DIRECTLY WITH GROMYKO", CARTER SAID.

REUTER: GUTMAN FROM MOSCOW

LEAD: VANCE-GROMYKO MET FRIDAY FOR THIRD ROUND OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS. BUT MEETING OVERSHADOWED BY REFUSAL OF SOVIETS TO TRANSMIT PHOTOS TAKEN BY AMERICAN REPORTERS OF MCCLELLAN INCIDENT. HODDING CARTER TOLD REPORTERS SECSTATE PLANS RAISE INCIDENT AND FILM CUTOFFS WITH GROMYKO. CARTER SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT CUTOFFS VIOLATE CSCE AGREEMENTS ON FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION.

NEWSPAPERS

WASHPOST: MARDER/KLOSE FROM MOSCOW (PAGE ONE)

LEAD:U.S. AND SOVIET UNION MADE GUARDEDLY PROMISING START LAST NIGHT ON DECISIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS, SIGNALING EACH OTHER THAT FAILURE IS CERTAIN TO DO GREAT DAMAGE TO THEIR TOTAL RELATIONSHIP. -

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--AFTER SIX HOURS OF TALKS, EQUALLY WARY NEGOTIATORS TOLD PRESS ONLY THAT THEY ENCOURAGED BY SERIOUSNESS ON BOTH SIDES. U.S. SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT "WE ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS" TO INDICATE SIDES ARE NOT MERELY POSTURING AT EACH OTHER. AS INDICATION OF THIS, DELEGATIONS AGREED USE MAXIMUM TIME AVAILABLE IN VANCE SCHEDULE, PROJECTING TALKS THROUGH SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEYOND ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

--U.S. SPOKESMAN, RELAYING VANCE'S LOW-KEY TERMINOLOGY TO AVOID AROUSING EXPECTATIONS THAT MIGHT COLLAPSE IN ANOTHER REBOUND AGAINST CARTER ADMINISTRATION, SAID VANCE FIRST DAY'S TALKS "USEFUL" AND ATMOSPHERE "GOOD".

--MARDER RELATED GROMYKO LUNCHEON HUMOR IN COMPARING CURRENT ATMOSPHERE WITH THAT DURING MOSCOW VISIT LAST YEAR, AND BRIEFLY QUOTED VANCE REPLY.

--BREZHNEV EXPECTED PARTICIPATE AT LATER STAGE. MEANWHILE LEADING SOVIET GENERAL, OGARKOV, JOINED TALKS FOR FIRST TIME. PRESENCE OF GENERALS UNDERSCORES TECHNICAL NATURE OF BARGAINING.

--SOVIET TELEVISION AVOIDED CHARACTERIZING TALKS BUT USED FILM SHOWING VANCE-GROMYKO SMILING AND CHATTING AMIABLY. HOWEVER, A "PROTECTIVE COUNTERTHEME" CIRCULATED BY SOVIET

OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN TO AMERICAN REPORTERS EXPRESSED "REGRET AND PUZZLEMENT" THAT VANCE, IN CENTO SPEECH IN LONDON, QUOTED PORTIONS OF CARTER WAKE FOREST SPEECH ON DEFENSE. BUT THIS DID NOT CARRY OVER INTO ARMS TALKS. --HUMAN RIGHTS DID NOT COME UP AT TALKS, BUT REAPPEARED IN FORM OF MCCLELLAN INCIDENT AT EMBASSY.

NYTIMES: SHIPLER FROM MOSCOW (INSIDE)

LEAD: VANCE-GROMYKO SPENT SIX HOURS THURSDAY IN WHAT AMERICANS SAID WERE USEFUL AND CORDIAL NEGOTIATIONS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO SALT.

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--TALKS SAID TO CONCENTRATE ON PERSISTENT POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT INCLUDING BACKFIRE, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO U.S. ALLIES IN EUROPE AND MISSILE MODERNIZATION.

--NO SIGN WHETHER NEW OFFERS OR COMPROMISES MADE OR DIFFERENCES NARROWED. BUT FACT THAT MIDDLE EAST, NEUTRON BOMB, AFRICA HORN, ETC. HAD BEEN LEFT ASIDE SUGGESTED SERIOUS EFFORT TO MAKE HEADWAY.

--LUNCHEON TOASTS WERE CAUTIOUS.

--OGARKOV PRESENT. AMERICANS SAID THIS IS FIRST TIME HIGH MILITARY FIGURE ON SOVIET SIDE TOOK PART SINCE VLADIVOSTOK.

--HODDING CARTER SAID VANCE EXPECTED SEE BREZHNEV BUT DID NOT KNOW WHEN. VANCE UNDERSTOOD TO BE PLANNING DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER ELEMENTS OF U.S.-SOVIET "FRICTION". BUT HE SAID TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RAISE SHCHARANSKIY CASE SINCE U.S. HAS ALREADY MADE CONCERN CLEAR AND "DOES NOT WISH PUT RUSSIANS PUBLICLY ON SPOT WHILE THEY APPARENTLY COMING TO DECISION ON MATTER". ANOTHER RIGHTS CASE DRAMATIZED WHEN MCCLELLAN CHAINED HERSELF TO EMBASSY FENCE. HODDING CARTER STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER QUOTED. MCCLELLAN EPISODE REPORTED SEPARATELY BY CRAIG WHITNEY.

BALTIMORE SUN: TREWHITT FROM MOSCOW (FRONT PAGE)

LEAD: U.S. AND SOVIETS REDUCED DIFFERENCES ON SALT TREATY YESTERDAY AS BOTH MADE HIGHLY VISIBLE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CLIMATE OF THEIR RELATIONS.

MAJOR POINTS:
--VANCE-GROMYKO WORKED FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS. AFTERWARD, U.S. SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED NEGOTIATIONS FORMALLY AS MERELY USEFUL. BUT DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE AT LEAST
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TWO MORE DAYS AND, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, POLITICAL CLIMATE AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS DISPUTED SALT DETAILS.

--VANCE EXPECTS NO MORE THAN NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES, BUT JUST THAT AND REDUCTION IN GENERAL TENSION COULD CLEAR WAY FOR CARTER-BREZHNEV IN SUMMER OR FALL. VANCE PROBABLY WILL SEE BREZHNEV FRIDAY.

--VANCE-GROMYKO REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED IN THEIR PUBLIC APPEARANCES THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD SALT SPECIFICALLY AND MORE GENERALLY TOWARD GLOBAL STABILITY. MOOD APPEARED TO REPRESENT DELIBERATE EFFORT TO AVOID ACRIMONY OF RECENT MONTHS.

--WHETHER WHAT HODDING CARTER CALLED A BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH WOULD HOLD THROUGH THE WEEKEND, HOWEVER, WAS UNCERTAIN. SOVIETS APPEAR TO EXPECT MORE FROM TALKS THAN AMERICANS. AGREEMENT ON SOME DETAILS WITH OTHERS TO BE SETTLED LATER COULD ENABLE BOTH TO PROCLAIM SUCCESS IF THEY WANT IT THAT WAY. AS ONE AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID: "SAYING IT MAKES IT SO".

--BUT ROUGH MOMENTS LIE AHEAD. SO FAR ONLY SALT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED.

--OGARKOV PRESENT. BUT VANCE AND GROMYKO DID ALL THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATING.

MONITOR: SOUTHERLAND/WILLIS FROM MOSCOW (FRONT PAGE)

LEAD: WEATHER IN MOSCOW WAS FAIR AND FINE BUT TONE OF TALKS THAT OPENED HERE WAS MUCH MORE SOMBER.

MOST OF THE REST OF THIS PIECE, PROBABLY FILED BEFORE TALKS ENDED THURSDAY, TRACES BASIC POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES AND RECENT U.S. SOVIET RELATIONS. IT MENTIONS MCCLELLAN INCIDENT AND SAYS AT TALKS VANCE REVIEWED U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THEN CONCENTRATED ON SALT.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: BACON FROM MOSCOW

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LEAD: VANCE-GROMYKO BEGAN SERIOUS AND APPARENTLY AMICABLE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE HANDFUL OF ISSUES BLOCKING A NEW AGREEMENT.

MAJOR POINTS:

--HODDING CARTER CAUTIOUSLY CHARACTERIZED TALKS AS "USEFUL"

AND SAID VANCE "FELT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS GOOD".
--COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT MEETINGS ARE SATISFYING ONE OF
VANCE'S GOALS FOR TALKS, WHICH IS "TO CLEAR THE AIR"
FOLLOWING RECENT SOVIET CHARGES U.S. IS WAVERING IN ITS
COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE NEW SALT TREATY.
--BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WHAT PROGRESS, IF ANY,
VANCE IS MAKING ON SECOND GOAL OF CLOSING GAP BETWEEN
TWO SIDES ON THREE MAJOR OUTSTANDING SALT ISSUES--MODERNIZATION,
BACKFIRE, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO ALLIES.
--VANCE PLANS FURTHER TALKS WITH GROMYKO FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
AND EXPECTS MEET WITH BREZHNEV. TALKS SO FAR DID NOT
TOUCH ON OTHER MATTERS OF DISAGREEMENT, SUCH AS NEUTRON
WEAPON AND AFRICA.
--HUMAN RIGHTS NOT BROUGHT UP BY VANCE, EITHER, BUT MATTER
AROSE AT GATE OF U.S. EMBASSY.
--SOME U.S. OFFICIALS, NOTING OGARKOV PRESENCE AT TALKS,
READ THIS AS SIGN OF SOVIETS ARE READY MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY
ON PENDING ISSUES BUT SOVIET OFFICIAL OBSERVED THAT
RUSSIAN DECISIONS ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL REVIEWED BY BREZHNEV.
LATE THURSDAY NIGHT, NO OFFICIAL SOVIET CHARACTERIZATION
OF TALKS IN PRESS, BUT FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CALLED
THEM "BUSINESSLIKE", USUALLY A CODE WORD FOR DISCUSSION
WHERE REAL BUT NOT INSURMOUNTABLE DIFFERENCES AROSE.

HEARST: NOTHING FROM WALLACH

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TV/RADIO MONITOR

CBS-TV MORNING NEWS

SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ARE
HOLDING A SECOND DAY OF TALKS IN MOSCOW MOSTLY ON ARMS
CONTROL. AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN IS DESCRIBING THOSE TALKS
AS BUSINESSLIKE AND USEFUL, BUT THERE ALSO COULD BE SOME
FRICTION BECAUSE THE SPOKESMAN SAYS VANCE INTENDS TO ASK
GROMYKO ABOUT AN INCIDENT YESTERDAY IN WHICH SOVIET OFFICIALS
BLOCKED THE TRANSMISSION OF NEWS PICTURES OF A
SCUFFLE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY. THE SCUFFLE
INVOLVED A WOMAN AND HER DAUGHTER WHO ARE TRYING TO
EMIGRATE TO THIS COUNTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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